Subject No. 362.

Abolition of Loom Tax.

Summary of discussion.—Loom tax should be abolished in Bangalore City.

Dewan's reply.—Under consideration and awaits recommendation from the Municipal Board. (*Vide* also Subject No. 18.)

Subject No. 363.

Abkari Local Fund Cess for Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Local Cess on the Toddy and Abkari Revenue of the Bangalore City should be given up to the Municipal Board, as the Board has an enormous expenditure to provide for.

Dewan's reply.—No. The Municipality has no right to it. It already gets the license fees on arrack.

Subject No. 364.

Land Revenue collection within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—The collection of Land Revenue within the City limits is now done by the Deputy Commissioner. He charges ten per cent for the said collection. As the rate is very high, collection work may be transferred to the Board itself.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked "this is a compli-"cated question. How can collection be separated from dis-"posal of Darkhasts and settlement of Jamabandi? Such "questions should first be considered by the Board in all its "aspects and then presented to the Government in a formal "manner."

Dewan's reply.—What the Deputy Commissioner says is correct. Such matters should be discussed in the Municipal Board first. Indeed, it is a question whether you, Representatives of the Board, would not do well to represent what the Board desire you to represent, and not merely express your individual opinions.

Subject No. 365.

Excessive reservation as State Forest in Channapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats of Channapatna and surrounding villages such as Sukravarpete, Mangalavarpete, Malûr, Bhairapatna, Nilkantanahalli, Mailnayakanhalli, Titmanahalli, Genda Madu, Kottanhalli, &c., were allowed sufficient jungle. But Chikkamamingudde, Doddamamingudde, and Kuranagerebetta have since been included in the State Forest. The people are therefore put to great inconvenience in procuring articles of agriculture, and ten thousand cattle suffer for want of gomal. Therefore, the above mentioned jungles should be retained as District Forests. Some of these reservations were made 20 years ago, and some 7 or 8 years ago.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot alter old arrangements. But we shall consider about any new additions that may be complained of.

Subject No. 366.

Railings to high roads on Tank bunds.

Summary of discussion.—The bunds of Ramammanakere and Honganurkere tanks are narrow. There is much traffic on them and accidents are frequent. As prayed for last year, railings should be provided on either side.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioner will be asked to expedite.